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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 1538

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FOREIGN EXPERTS SURVEY OF UAE MILITARY CONCLUDED

1. ACCORDING TO SAUDI AMBASSADOR, MILITARY EXPERTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN, AND KUWAIT ARE DEPARTING FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS TODAY HAVING FINISHED THEIR SURVEY OF UAE MILITARY AND INTERNAL SECURITY NEEDS. SAUDI AMBASSADOR SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE, BUT HAS IMPRESSION THERE WERE NO SERIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DELEGATIONS AND THAT ADVISORY GOVERNMENTS ARE IN AGREEMENT THERE SHOULD BE JUST ONE REPORT SUBMITTED TO UAEG. FROM TALKING WITH SAUDI EXPERTS AMBASSADOR UNDERSTAND THAT SOME MEASURE OF UNIFICATION OF MILITARY WILL BE RECOMMENDED. TO GET AROUND IMPASSE OVER WHO SHOULD BE IN CHARGE, SAUDI AMBASSADOR BELIEVES EXPERTS FAVOR IDEA OF SHAYKH ZAYID HIMSELF BEING NAMED C-IN-C OF NEW UNIFIED ARMED FORCES WITH OPERATIONAL COMMANDER IMMEDIATELY BELOW HIM A TOP PROFESSIONAL OFFICER RATHER THAN SOMEONE FROM ONE OF THE RULING SHAIKHLY FAMILIES. NEXT STEP SEEMS TO BE FOR MILITARY EXPERTS TO REPORT THEIR CONCLUSIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND THEN PREPARE SINGLE REPORT WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SHAIKH ZAYID WHEN

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HE RETURNS FROM SUMMER VACATION, NOW EXPECTED TO BE SOMETIME EARLY

SEPTEMBER.

2. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
THAT AMMAN, KUWAIT, OR JIDDA MIGHT PICK UP AS TO NATURE OF
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL BE MADE TO UAEG.
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